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Prescribed Burn Planned Near Horse Mountain

SOCORRO – The Socorro Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management will be conducting a prescribed burn near the Horse Mountain Subdivision west of Datil near the end of January and possibly into February; weather permitting. The primary objective is to reduce slash piles from hazardous fuels reduction projects and create a fuel break in the Wildland Urban Interface area to protect the subdivision in case of wildfire.

Smoke will be visible from Hwy-12 and the subdivision but should not have any major impacts to the public. Signs will be posted notifying the public of prescribed burn activities in the area. To ease concerns that the public might have about issues from the creation of smoke, the BLM will only burn when weather conditions are favorable for smoke dispersal. Every effort will be made by fire officials and staff during burning to keep these impacts at a minimum.

For any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to call the Socorro BLM Field Office at 835-0412.

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